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Food & Drug Administration
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Re: Dockets #98N-1038

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Foods that have been irradiated should be marked conspicuously, prominently and permanently as "irradiated" and should not be marked as "cold pasteurization". "Cold pasteurization" is a term which can mislead people as to the true nature of what has been done to the food. People have a right to know that radiation has been applied to a particular food item, thus, giving them a choice as whether to eat it or not.

I believe that irradiation adds one more health hazard to many health hazards we already have in our food supply and in our environment, in general. It is also very dangerous to be adding radiation to people's systems.

Mandatory, clear labelling of irradiated foods as "irradiated" is essential.

Sincerely,

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